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### Testimony

**Sen. Frantz in support of SB 266**  
**Transportation Committee Public Hearing**  
**February 4, 2013**

**In Support of - SB 266, An Act Concerning the Suspension of a Motor Vehicle Operator's License for Unpaid Out-of-State Traffic Violations in a State With a Reciprocal Agreement With Connecticut.**

A situation was recently brought to my attention by a city court judge in New York State that apparently penalizes Connecticut motorists who fail to pay for traffic violations in neighboring states. When the out-of-state court advises Connecticut motorists that their driver's license may be suspended if they fail to appear and resolve the issue, occasionally the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles will preemptively suspend driver's licenses before the date of suspension. According to the judge he has seen this happen first hand several times to motorists who promptly visit court and resolve the violation.

In addition, when motorists attempt to lift the premature suspension at the DMV, they are then charged with a restoration fee. I believe that this a noteworthy oversight made inadvertently by CT DMV and this proposed legislation would resolve this issue.

**SB 266** will prevent the suspension of a person's Connecticut driver's license and the imposition of any restoration fee after the motorist makes payment for traffic violations in another state with a reciprocal agreement with Connecticut.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

L. Scott Frantz  
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